

Vasa Lutheran Church

Hope of Resurrection

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, May 21, 2023

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life. **C: Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

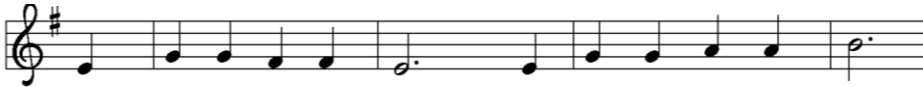
CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING

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GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: and also with you.**

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- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We will receive communion by intinction. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You don't need to be a member of Vasa, nor do you need to be a Lutheran to receive the body and blood of Christ today. Gluten free portions and non-alcoholic wine are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children are welcome to come forward and will receive a blessing.

COMMUNION BLESSING: The body and blood of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ strengthen you and give you peace. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Gracious God, **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN:

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

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BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



**Eileen Anderson, Irene
Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul
Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker, Scott
Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Agi
TriFontaine, Nancy Trelstad, Jake
Jacobson, Dale Anderson, Ivan Nelson,
and Duane Thompson.**

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Randy Klein
Reader: Sasha Diercks
Hospitality: Marilyn Hanson
Comm/ Asst.: Geri Lindholm

**Worship Assistants Next Week
(05/28/2023)**

Usher: Marv Fredrickson
Reader: Mo Hauck
Hospitality: Mo Hauck

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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What Wondrous Love is This?

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Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-1997, alt.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Lift High the Cross

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PARISH PULSE:

May 10TH & 14TH 2023

Participating in Worship: **71**
+9 live-streams

Total Offerings: \$1,095.00

The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, and by the east door. They were moved there when we resumed in-person worship after the pandemic. They are there to receive your offering as you enter the sanctuary. Electronic giving is also available.



Lucas Anderson is the son of Jill and Shane Anderson. He plans to attend SE Technical College-Winona.

Braedon Gillis is the son of Kyle and Paula Gillis. He plans to attend Dakota County Technical College.

Mikyle Gossett is the son of Andrea Gillis and Rick Gossett. He left for Marine bootcamp on May 9.

Carson Lind is the son of Desiree Meyer and Kevin Lind. He plans to attend ND State School of Science in Wahpeton.

Treyton Lind is the son of Desiree Meyer and Kevin Lind. He plans to attend Dakota County Technical College.

Ezekiel "Zeke" Pearson is the son of Chris and Kathy Pearson. He plans to attend Concordia University in Chicago.

Weed Whipping the church grounds will be this Thursday, May 25th at 6:00 pm. Feel free to come earlier in the week if it fits your schedule better. Thanks!

Pastor Mickey Dobbins will lead the Vasa Congregation in worship on Sunday, May 28. Pastor Maureen will be away over the weekend, but will be back in the office on May 30.



The Memorial Day ceremony and flag replacement will be held after worship on June 4th.



We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others, and
Welcoming and loving all!